

THE SWORD OF THE LORD

and of John R. Rice

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20.

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Speakers Expected Include Dr. Harry Rimmer, Minnesota, Dr. Louis Sperry Chafer, Dallas, Rev. Ford Porter, Indiana, Rev. E. L. Banta, Illinois, Rev. T. Myron Webb, Oklahoma, Rev. W. E. Hawkins, Jr., Radio Revival, Dallas, and Others

Plans are shaping up wonderfully for the next session of the Dallas Bible School. Present plans are that the Bible School will run from November 1 to 8, eight days including two Sundays.

Dr. Harry Rimmer is a nationally known scientist and preacher of the gospel. As President of the Science Research Bureau, he has gone into all the so-called evidences for evolution and proves with scientific evidence, it is a foolish and untenable theory. Dr. Rimmer is the author of a fine book, "The Theory of Evolution and the Facts of Science," and of a large number of smaller pamphlets on religious and scientific subjects. God has given him many gifts. He is a fine Bible student, a thorough Fundamentalist who believes in the verbal inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Christ, the blood atonement and His premillennial coming, etc.

Dr. Rimmer speaks to great crowds. He is a charming and delightful speaker. Young people generally crowd to hear him. In appearance he seems very young, but has a surprising grasp of both the Bible and scientific facts. He will thrill your heart, he will make you want to stand up and cheer for the Bible when he proves how foolish are the attacks of the so-called scientists upon this impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture. I do not know of any man in America whose message would be more calculated to strengthen your faith in the Bible as the very infallible Word of God than Dr. Harry Rimmer.

We are waiting final word from Dr. Rimmer about the date. Another fine church has released Dr. Rimmer for part of the time they had spoken for in order to let him meet with us. We confidentially expect word soon that he can be with us through seven days of the Bible School.

Already plans have been made for Dr. Rimmer to speak daily except Friday on KRLD, 10,000 watt station, in Dallas. During his stay

here, Brother W. E. Hawkins from the Radio Revival has kindly offered to cooperate in every way, and we may broadcast direct from the tabernacle. The Scofield Memorial Church, with Dr. Harlin J. Roper, pastor, will also cooperate, and we expect the cordial cooperation of the Dallas Theological Seminary.

Dr. Louis Sperry Chafer is president of the Dallas Theological Seminary, formerly the Evangelical Theological College, an institution of the highest scholarship, undenominational, holding to the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures, deity of Christ, the blood atonement, salvation by faith, the eternal security of believers, the premillennial coming of Christ, etc. Dr. Chafer is widely known throughout America as a Bible conference speaker, as an author and Bible teacher. He is a gentle man of God, a man of great faith and much prayer. He has been asked to speak during the Bible School. From one end of America to another people should hear him.

Rev. Ford Porter is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Princeton, Indiana. Formerly a photographer, Brother Porter then surrendered to preach and has traveled through the Holy Land, taking motion pictures. He will give lectures, illustrated with motion pictures, on the Holy Land, Jerusalem, fulfilled prophecy, etc. One interesting picture shows Mussolini reviewing his troops. As a news photographer, special privileges were given Brother Porter. The customs of Palestine, the cities, the return of the Jews, etc., will be illustrated so that you may never forget them, while Brother Porter brings fervent gospel messages. This is a special treat which Brother Porter gave by invitation in Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and in some very fine churches. We are happy to announce Brother Porter's agreement to come.

We cannot just now discuss the

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Missionary In Africa Enjoying The Sword of the Lord

The Sword of the Lord goes to many out of the way places on the earth. A missionary in South Africa, Miss Verna B. Barnard, writes as follows:

"1636 Box
Johannesburg, So. Africa
August 5, 1936

"Pastor Rice and Church:

"Precious Christian greetings from Africa. I just wish to thank you very much for your paper, 'The Sword of the Lord.' I did enjoy your weekly sermon, and others did enjoy it, too. Before I got it myself, others often took it from your envelope and read it, too.

"Our little church in Sophiatown was taken from us, after worshipping there and much prayer. So not being settled, I could not do much in your Bible lessons. Yet I know they are good as I have glanced over some and your friend, Mrs. Baker, always spoke so highly of you and your Bible Course.

"I have Matthew and John, Acts, Genesis and Daniel. It may be Revelation instead of Matthew. Yet, if you ever can, I would be pleased if you could send more books of the Bible. I love to know the Latter Day Truth and its fulfillment.

"This city is wild over 'Empire Exhibition' (fifty years of Golden City of world tearing down and rebuilding, etc.) Oh, that the gospel will flow forth to men.

"Now, God bless and use you more and more for His glory. I wish you could continue your paper. It was a welcome visitor. Persecution only drives us nearer to God. Jesus said, 'If they persecute you, they will also persecute you.' I covet all your prayers.

"Sincerely,

(Signed) "Verna B. Barnard"

Do you want to subscribe for other missionaries and keep the gospel message, with its Bible teaching and inspiration going out to these frontiers on the mission

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GIPSY SMITH IN DALLAS

Co-operative Revival at The First Baptist Church — Many Blessed

Gipsy Smith, Sr., world famous evangelist, is now in Dallas in two weeks of revival services to close October 4th. Gipsy Smith is really a Gipsy, born in a tent in England seventy-six years ago. He has been preaching the gospel for sixty years, and it is estimated that he has preached to 45 million people, the largest audience that has been addressed by any man now living. Billy Sunday preached to approximately 80 million, but Billy Sunday has gone to his reward.

The revival is being conducted under the auspices of the Dallas Ministerial Association with the nominal cooperation of 109 Dallas churches. Services are held in the great First Baptist Church

auditorium where Dr. George W. Truett is the pastor. The Fundamental Baptist Tabernacle was not represented in the Ministerial Association and so naturally we are not officially cooperating in the revival. However, I have attended four services which I greatly enjoyed. I believe the revival will do great good and with all my heart I pray the blessings of God upon it. I expect to attend as much as possible and urge my people to attend and pray and win souls and rejoice in the fellowship of other Christians in the revival.

Remarkable Crowds Attending

It is a wonderful thing to see thousands of people assembled to hear the Word of God. Night after night the big First Baptist Church auditorium has been filled. Sunday night, I am told, as many people went away without seats as those who got in. Last night, the building was packed to the doors and I feel sure there were some on the outside who could not get in. I know that some stood.

Even the morning services are attended by great crowds. This morning (Wednesday) the lower floor was packed full and the first balcony was fully two-thirds full. Crowds are usually greatly over estimated, but I feel sure there were really 1,600 people present on this week-day morning of the revival. Ordinarily it would have been counted closer to 3,000.

Advantages of Coöperative or Union Revivals

Here is a good place to say that I believe whenever it is possible to do so without compromise, Christian people of all denominations, and none, should cooperate in revivals. The Gipsy Smith Revival itself gives several striking reasons. First of all, people who are truly Christians can really unite on the main thing for which we need revivals and that is getting sinners saved. Methodists and Baptists may not be able to agree on baptism and various groups may disagree on various matters of doctrine and method, all of more or less importance. But any man who is worthy of the name Christian must agree that Christ died to save sinners, that sinners need saving, and that the only

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GIPSY SMITH
World Famous Evangelist
Now in Dallas

LAI'D ON THE ALTAR

"Laid on Thine altar, O my Lord divine,
Accept my gift this day, for Jesus' sake,
I have no jewels to adorn Thy shrine,
Nor any world-famed sacrifice to make;
But here I bring within my trembling hands,
This will of mine, a thing that seemeth small,
Yet Thou alone, O Lord, canst understand
How when I yield Thee this, I yield mine all.

"Hidden therein Thy searching gaze can see
Struggles of passion, visions of delight,
All that I have, or am, or fain would be,
Deep loves, fond hopes, and longings infinite;
It hath been wet with tears, and dimmed with sighs,
Clinched in my grasp, till beauty hath it none;
Now from Thy footstool, where it vanished lies,
The prayer ascendeth, 'May Thy will be done.'

"Take it, O Father, ere my courage fail,
And merge it so into Thine own will, that e'en
If in some desperate hour my cries prevail,
And Thou give back my gift, it may have been
So changed, so purified, so fair have grown,
So one with Thee, so filled with love divine,
I may not know or feel it as my own,
But gaining back my will, may find it Thine."

"Abounding Grace" Sermon Leads One To Accept Christ

The best news we ever get is the kind that makes the angels rejoice in the presence of God—the news of souls saved! Saturday morning a post card came from Ringgold, Texas, telling of a soul saved. The message is as follows:

"Ringgold, Texas
September 18, 1936

"I read your most wonderful sermon, 'Abounding Grace' and handed it to an unsaved friend of mine. He gave it to his wife and she read it and was saved. You may want to write to her, Mrs. W— P—, Ringgold, Texas. I wish I had more to give out.

(Signed) "Mrs. B. T. Bond"
Follow the example of this good woman—have unsaved people read the sermons in The Sword of the

Lord. Many should be blessed by them. Pray definitely that these messages may not fall on deaf ears but that they may lead hundreds to Christ.

Again, we remind you that we need six pages of The Sword of the Lord each week but we cannot print more than four for the time being until we catch up on our heavy printing bill. The paper even now is sent to subscribers at far less than cost. Pray that God will supply our need and keep the gospel going out "to every creature" and "to all the world" as He has commanded.

Praise the Lord for a prodigal returned, a lost sheep found. Write us of other conversions so that we may rejoice together.

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hope of any of us poor sinners is the blood of Jesus Christ shed on Calvary. Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Nazarenes and all other evangelical groups can and should agree on these things and cooperate in the winning of souls. Usually Catholics, "Christian Scientists," so-called, Spiritualists, Mormons and rigid "Church of Christ" people will not cooperate in such revivals and should not be expected to. Any group that does not believe in the need for and the possibility of instantaneous conversion and supernatural regeneration by faith in Christ, all on the merits of His shed blood, could not conscientiously cooperate officially in a revival. But every person who believes in and has experienced a new birth by faith in Christ should rejoice in a revival where multitudes are blessed and should do everything possible to help win sinners. It seems strange that it would even be necessary to say this. But in the average church so many things are counted more important than the salvation of sinners that we need to argue in favor even of a great revival.

Yesterday I got a letter from a Baptist preacher who objected because we advertised the book "Billy Sunday, the Man and His Message," in *The Sword of the Lord*. He was offended because Billy Sunday had declared a few years ago, "I never preached a sermon on baptism and I never will." Therefore, he had refused to go to hear Billy Sunday preach, he criticized Billy Sunday's revival and did what he could to hinder people from hearing him instead of helping. That preacher and others like him would not be in favor of Baptists cooperating with Christians of other faiths in a great revival. But he, doubtless a good man, is woefully wrong on this matter, and is concerned, we feel, far more with the Baptist name than he is in the winning of souls to Christ. I wrote this good pastor, reminding him that multitudes of Baptist preachers had never preached a sermon on the second coming of Christ though that matter certainly gets far more importance and space in the Bible than baptism. I believe that Baptist preachers ought to be right on the second coming of Christ and evangelists ought to be right on baptism. But if Gipsy Smith, in his two weeks' revival in Dallas, does not take time to preach on baptism or even if he is wrong on baptism in doctrine and practice that certainly would be a sorry alibi for my being wrong on soul winning and brotherly love.

I would be very happy if all the Methodist preachers in the world could preach like Paul did on "Buried With Christ in Baptism." That would be glorious. But it would be even more glorious if every Baptist preacher could sincerely say from his heart with Paul, "Christ sent me not to baptize, (not to argue about baptism) but to preach the gospel" (I Cor. 1:17). With Paul the gospel was

first and it ought to be so with every Christian.

Local church revivals may sometimes major on church membership, on building Sunday Schools, on "putting over the budget" or on building up the denominational cause. On the other hand in a great cooperative revival often people cannot agree on anything but the great fundamentals of the faith and so fortunately they must agree on winning souls to Christ and the rededication of individual lives.

Let it be understood that in cooperative revivals preachers must not compromise the truth of God. Great Bible doctrines of sin, repentance, faith, Heaven, Hell, etc., ought to be preached. I have the same gospel to preach no matter where I preach and I cannot change that to please men. I believe that new converts ought to be baptized, and I freely say so in every revival. But in a revival, the main objective ought to be to get sinners saved and revive Christians and if a preacher's whole heart is so set on that matter, and his preaching so clear and powerful that all others see that is first, there will be no special embarrassment or disagreements about other doctrines where there may be an honest difference of opinion.

Brotherly Love

Christians ought to love one another. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." James and John forbade another to cast out devils in Jesus' name because he followed not with the twelve apostles. But Jesus said to them, "Forbid him not; for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part" (Mark 9:39, 40). Again Jesus said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." We think of different folds, but Jesus speaks of all his dear sheep and longs for the time to come when they will be in one fold! In the prayer of Jesus in John 17:21 He desired of the Father, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Jesus did not pray that we would all be one denomination—He did not have in mind a great denominational group of all the churches. Instead, the desire of His heart was that all Christians should love one another and be of one mind and one heart as far as possible in honoring Christ, in preaching the gospel and in winning sinners.

The Gipsy Smith Revival will tend, we trust, to unite all of us in heart, that we may be one in our love to Christ and our concern for sinners. Even lost sinners believe Baptists and Methodists and Presbyterians and others who claim to be Christians should love one another and they believe that church members are hypocrites when they do not.

I sat beside a woman who attends the First Methodist Church and when Gipsy Smith preached, pleading for Christians to come out and be separate, to love Christ, to win souls, to be pure in heart and surrendered of will, my own heart was greatly moved and blessed. I turned and noticed this woman signing the decision card No. 2 which says, "I confess my unfaithfulness as a church member, and desire to re-dedicate myself to God and my church, and this I do just now, for Jesus' sake." That kind of preaching, centered in Jesus Christ, blessed her heart and mine just alike and she turned in friendly Christian fellowship to tell me so when the service closed. Why should not a Baptist and Methodist sit side by side and hear about Jesus Christ, and His blood, and His tears for sinners? Why should we not hear how God reached down in a tent and took hold of a Gipsy boy who had lost his mother, saved him and set him to preaching before he could read a word? What is there in the gospel of Jesus Christ

Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary Opens Auspiciously

We have received the following account of the opening of the Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary which we are glad to publish.

The opening of the tenth year of The Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary was observed on Sunday and Monday, September 13th and 14th.

"On Sunday afternoon, the 13th, officers, faculty, students, and many friends of the Seminary assembled on the campus to participate in the opening exercises.

"After the invocation by Dr. Reid McCullough, President Matthews spoke briefly on the founding of the school, its need, and its opportunities. The Scripture for the afternoon was read by Professor Hinson with Professor Morrison leading the assembly in prayer.

"President Wm. A. Matthews, D. D., delivered his Tenth Opening Address at this service. His subject, 'The Commissioned Life,' brought inspiration to all who were present.

"The music for the afternoon was rendered by the choir of the Altadena Baptist Church.

"On Monday, the 14th, was held the Fellowship Luncheon with the four new members of the faculty as special speakers. The President of the Alumni Association, Mr. Brignall, welcomed the new students, urging them to live and work their best while preparing for the King's service. "During the program at the luncheon, the volunteers for the Hawaiian Evangelical Crusade were presented to the assembled guests.

"The Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary faces the present year as the best year it has ever enjoyed.

"Thanking you,

"In Him,

(Signed) "R. A. Briddle"
This Seminary is one of the few Baptist Seminaries which is pre-millennial, and fundamental, standing for the verbal inspiration of the Bible with all that that implies. It is carried on by faith. My good friend, Dr. Wm. Albert Matthews, the President, has been anointed of God for this service. May God smile upon them as they teach the Word of God to preachers and send them out to win souls on the Pacific coast.

concerning Hell and Heaven and sinners and forgiveness and answered prayer and consecration and soul winning and purity of life and Christian testimony that would not be fit for the ears of people of different denominations or faiths at the same time?

It happens that I do not cooperate in much of the work of my Convention Baptist brethren. But multitudes of them are good men, devout men, who believe just as I do about Jesus Christ and the Bible and the blood and being born again and Heaven and Hell. I can meet them, and I am glad to do it, in the sweetest fellowship around the cross of Christ. It was sweet to my soul to meet and have conversation with good brethren like Dr. F. M. McConnell of the Baptist Standard, Dr. Marshall Craig, pastor of the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church in this city, Dr. Wallace Bassett of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, our neighbor, Brother Robert Coleman, assistant pastor of The First Baptist Church, and many others. Dr. McConnell hugged my baby girl

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JOHN R. RICE, EDITOR, Pastor of Fundamental Baptist Church

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Sermon on Nudism Coming

Last Sunday night a fine crowd heard the sermon on Nudism and God blessed. I preached on what the Bible says about nudism, what the Texas State law says about it and what will be the fatal result to the individual and the nation of the crazy fad of indecent exposure of the human body. Great interest was aroused. The sermon was taken down stenographically and has been typed. We had planned to print it in *The Sword of the Lord* but room is not available just now.

The sermon for Sunday night a week ago, "Hast Thou Found Me, O Mine Enemy?" is also prepared for printing in *The Sword of the Lord*. God blessed it to the reviving of many hearts, the salvation of sinners and a wonderful manifestation of His Spirit in the service.

Pray that God will give us more room soon so that we may print more of these sermons. Every one brings many comments from readers. We cannot run six pages until we catch up further on our printing bill.



Is Your Child HANDICAPPED?

Of every ten children classified at school as backward, five are found to have defective vision. Poor grades, a dislike of school, headaches, a cross disposition, all are the direct result of deficiencies of eyesight. An unfortunate thing about defective vision is that it is often impossible to detect without a thorough examination. A fortunate thing is that almost every case can be easily corrected with a proper fitting of glasses. Your child deserves perfect vision. Have his, or her, eyes examined before school starts.

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and told me that Gipsy Smith got on him pretty hard in that sermon, and I replied that he was certainly digging around where I lived, too. We may never agree here about denominational programs, but we certainly agree that we love the incomparably lovely Saviour! I gladly join with these my brethren in a revival. All of us need reviving in our own hearts and all of us can be blessed, I feel, more in a great general revival than in a revival where fewer people meet and fewer are blessed and fewer are saved.

And that leads me to say that God Himself seems to have put His seal particularly on revivals that are not primarily denominational in their nature. Note the great revivals of the world and you will instantly see that they were bigger than any church or group of churches. Finney, Moody, Torrey, Chapman, Billy Sunday—the great revivals of these men were revivals in which all Christians were urged to participate and various churches cooperated. Doubtless one of the great mistakes of J. Wilbur Chapman was when he left great cooperative revivals to head the department of evangelism for Presbyterians. He greatly limited his usefulness and as I recall never had anything like as great revivals that way.

Even the revivals of Wesley and Whitfield were primarily undenominational revivals appealing to the multitudes and aiming to get men saved.

Gipsy Smith Believes in the Blood

I did not know whether I could conscientiously cooperate in the Gipsy Smith revival until I heard the evangelist Monday night. I feared that possibly having been in so many great union revivals, in some of which doubtless there were pastors and churches cooperating not true to Jesus Christ and His gospel, modernistic in doctrine and worldly in life, Gipsy Smith might have so easily compromised and been untrue to

Christ.

Last January and February I was in a revival in Binghamton, New York, sponsored by a group of nine fundamentalist churches. Services were held in the great Binghamton theatre, and I learned that two years before, in the same building, had been held the Gipsy Smith campaign, with seventy-five churches cooperating. The pastors of some of those churches I knew were out and out modernists and said so openly. I was prejudiced somewhat naturally against Gipsy Smith for having kept company with such a crowd. I had never heard him preach and it is only natural that a man be judged by the company that he keeps. Most of Gipsy Smith's company has been good, I feel sure. In that case certainly some of it was bad and I could not put my heart into this revival nor urge my people to attend until I knew for myself his position toward the deity and the atonement of Christ and toward the Bible as God's irrevocable word. God helping me, I will not, cannot, knowingly urge people to hear any man preach who is not true in his attitude to the blood and the Book.

But, thank God, Gipsy Smith measures up! Again and again as Gipsy preaches we hear the dear and familiar terms, "the blood," "conversion," "regeneration," "born again," "Calvary," "sinners" and "Saviour and Lord." I heard Gipsy Smith last night say with vehemence and indignation, "You who are in the church, you who take the communion, you who call yourselves Christians without regeneration, without knowing your feet are on the Rock of Ages—hypocrites! monstrosities! get out!" Again and again he rings out the message that Christ can change the heart and transform the life of sinners who trust in Him!

I suppose Gipsy Smith is not a great Bible scholar, though he loves his Bible passionately. My critical mind could pick flaws in his theology. He says he never had a day's schooling in his life. He learned to read from a Bible and a dictionary. The carping critic could find plenty to which his cold heart might object, I suppose, in the preaching of Gipsy Smith. But any day in the world I would gladly trade some of my worldly wisdom for some of what Gipsy Smith has—the tears, the compassion, the compelling love for Jesus Christ!

Soul Winning is the Main Thing

I will tell you frankly how Gipsy Smith won me, and that is with his love for sinners. He weeps as he preaches and no unbiased, intelligent man can doubt his great compassion. His sermons leap from scorn, indignation and lashing attack on the church members' indifference to the salvation of sinners, to the tearful, pleading treaty that they go out and win souls today!

Gipsy does it himself too, and that is best of all. He told of one after another that he had won to Christ in personal conversation, how he talked to every taxi driver who carried him, about his soul. One man was there in the choir and stood to verify how Gipsy had won him on the street and now

he felt called to preach the gospel. And remember that Gipsy Smith has only been in town about four days!

I verified the soul winning efforts of Gipsy Smith too, without intending to do so. I was late getting out of the building last night. We were in the balcony, the crowd was enormous, we greeted friends. When we got out on the sidewalk we were near the last of the great crowd. A colored chauffeur was waiting on the sidewalk for some one. I talked to him about his soul, asked him if he had ever been a Christian. He never had, he said, in the past. He said there was too big a crowd for him to get to hear Gipsy Smith, "But that must have been him that came by here just now and talked to me," he said. "I wanted him to pray for me, but he said I mustn't put it off, I must accept Jesus right now. You know, he told me one thing I never thought of," said this colored man. "He told me not to wait till I could cut out all my devilment, but to accept Jesus right now and He would fix that for me."

"Well, did you do it," I asked? He grinned at me broadly and happily and said, "Yes sir, I shore did!"

Gipsy Smith had preached to the thousands and then leaving the building, had time and heart to win a colored chauffeur! My own heart was warmed and inspired by that example. The man has a passion for getting sinners to Christ. He stirs me up to win souls. So I say, God bless Gipsy Smith and give him many souls for his hire!

Decision Cards—Is That the Best Way?

In the evening services decision cards are passed out to everybody. The card is printed on both sides. No. 1 says,

"Believing Jesus Christ to be the only Saviour for sinners, I do here and now accept Him as my Lord and Saviour, and promise by His grace to love and follow Him."

Again and again Gipsy insists that those who do not know that they have been born again, decide that first and sign No. 1. On the other side is No. 2 which says,

"I confess my unfaithfulness as a Church member, and desire to re-dedicate myself to God and my church, and this I do just now, for Jesus' sake."

Those who will are urged to sign the card and then they are taken up, and there while the congregation waits they are handed to Gipsy Smith.

This is not like my way of having people come down the aisles to take my hand and claim Christ as Saviour. It is not the way of Moody and Sankey who had sinners go to an inquiry room and there be dealt with by personal workers. It is not the way of others who have an altar where sinners come and kneel for instruction and prayer. However, the Bible does

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Subscriptions Coming

"Here is my check for \$4.00 for subscriptions for the following names. I want to enter your contest." So writes a good woman. Thus the subscription contest is beginning to move in earnest.

If you want the free trip to Dallas to attend the eight day's Bible School, November 1-8, with all expenses paid—if you want to hear the great men of God who will be brought here to teach the Word and preach and win souls, sing—if you want to see the great Texas Centennial, 25 million dollar World's Fair, then begin at once. And don't forget, the second prize is Matthew Henry's Commentary on the whole Bible, third prize is a fine leather-bound, India paper, Scofield Reference Bible, with all helps, and other fine rewards. If you really work, you can win some of them. You get paid for your work. Get subscriptions at 50c a year, keep 10c and send us 40c. Besides the commission, ten happy people will get these fine prizes.

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GIPSY SMITH IN DALLAS

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not specify any particular plan of giving an invitation. I am sure we sometimes get in a rut and have an invitation one way simply because we are accustomed to that way. A change, a different way might get better results sometimes.

I feel sure that when people trust Christ they ought to claim Him openly and publicly. But Gipsy Smith has them stand in his services and urges them to make it known whenever possible. Besides, their names and addresses are kept and I am sure they will be visited by personal workers. Perhaps it would be better if new converts were led down to the front in the sight of the audience. Yet it is possible that the simple matter of a decision to trust Jesus Christ with all your heart, as Saviour and Lord, might not be as easily understood on that basis as when a sinner is asked to sign a clear statement.

I tested the thing out Monday night. Many stood for prayer, among them a young woman not far from me. When the service was ended, I slipped to her side and asked her if she had already trusted Jesus in her heart. She insisted that she had, there and then, and said as she smiled up into my face, "And I feel better already." I believe she was genuinely saved, just as much so as if she had walked down to the front or knelt at the altar or gone to an inquiry room. This is not my way, I say, but I believe that, combined with the real power of the Holy Spirit on the preaching, it is resulting in many being saved in Dallas.

Hundreds of cards have been turned in. Doubtless, many of those are confessions by Christians that they have been unfaithful to Christ and the church. But that is good. I wish that one-half the members of my church would conscientiously sign such a statement! In fact, I felt very much like signing such a statement myself. But I know that many, many people are signing these cards on the No. 1 side and that they mean they are taking Christ as their own personal Saviour from sin. I say, I do not know that Gipsy Smith's way is the best way. But I do know that God is blessing it and therein I rejoice and yea, I will rejoice!

I know that it is "with the HEART men believeth unto righteousness" and anywhere that men honestly and with their whole heart trust Jesus Christ as their Saviour, He will save them. I hope that as many as possible of the converts will be led to baptism and church membership and Christian service but we remember that the all important matter is a personal, sincere turning from sin and trusting in Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Are You Winning Souls?

And this leads me to ask you, dear reader, are you winning souls for Christ? What have you done today to help some one to Jesus? Don't you believe there is someone you could go to if your heart was all broken up and win him to Christ? If you should go and say, "I have you on my heart. I am praying for you every day. I will never let you go until you are saved. I beg you to trust Jesus now!" And if you were sincere about it so that it would show on your face and voice — and if your life was clean so that a sinner would have confidence in your Christianity, don't you believe you could really win somebody today?

I came out of the service yesterday morning hungry to win somebody. As I waited, a poor, frail man came down the street. My heart went out to him, and I waited. As he came up to me I could see that he was sick. He said, "Mr., I have got T. B. I am on my way out to Arizona. Here is a doctor's prescription for some medicine I need, but I lack 24c of having enough to get it."

I began to talk to him about his soul. I told him that he needed God. He answered back, "I know it! I know it! I haven't got long for this world." An urgency seemed on him. I believe he is in the last stages of T. B. He said, "I must get this medicine and get out of town. I must get to Arizona while I can."

I said to him, "I will give you the 24c. But oh, let me talk to you a little about your soul first. That is very important."

At first he said, "I will promise you sincerely that as soon as I get to Arizona I will go to some church and take this matter up seriously."

"But," I said, "That may not be soon enough. The only safe way is now, right now." So little by little I led him to admit that he was a sinner and that Christ died for sinners like him. I told him how Christ was ready to save him today if he would only trust in Him. As soon as he understood that I was not talking about church membership but about a definite acceptance of Christ in the heart, he took my hand and said, "I will, I will!"

I gave him a little money so that he might have something to eat and he left us to go to the drug store around the corner. I was close enough to know that he was perfectly sober. His eyes, his voice, his intelligence proved that. There was no odor of liquor about him. But he swayed as he walked slowly down the street. That man has not long for this world and I do thank God I was standing there as he came along. He promised me faithfully that he would meet me in Heaven, and he wept when he took the little bit of money I gave him, and said, "Oh, you are a Christian, I know you are."

Some one reads this who has been praying for a lost boy or a wicked husband or maybe an unsaved daughter, for a long time. Do something about it now! Pray for results today and then talk to them about Jesus, urge them to trust Him with all their heart today.

Remember that "He that winneth souls is wise" (Prov. 11:30); that "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12:3). Remember, too, that "he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5:20). May God send revivals all over this country, revive our churches and break the hearts of Christians over sinners for whom Christ died.

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